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To Whom It May Concern:

I have recently been made aware of the possibility of the Federal Communications Commission eliminating the anti-monopoly rules in the media industry. This would undoubtedly have disastrous consequences that would threaten the health of the American democracy. Any democratic form of government depends upon a free flow of ideas. The repeal of anti-monopoly policies paves the way for one person or corporation to control the airwaves and newspapers, the methods through which most Americans obtain their news. This would counter the spirit of the First Amendment of the Constitution, guaranteeing all American citizens the right of free speech. While not necessarily limiting the rights of any one individual to speak his mind, it does violate the right for all American citizens to have the opportunity to receive information from a variety of sources with a variety of biases. It is imperative to maintain a **free** marketplace of ideas if America will continue to prosper in the future. Thus, I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposal to abolish the regulations guaranteeing the American people the availability of news from a variety of sources.

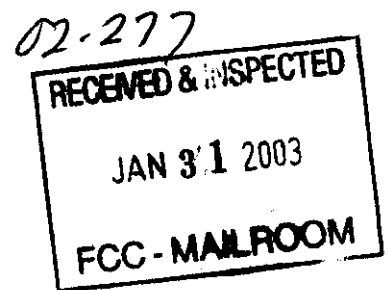
Sincerely,



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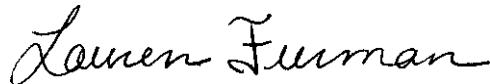
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Dear Director of the FCC,

As an American citizen and as a debate student who must frequently rely on the media for information, I find the regulations that allow for a variety of sources to bring us news to be extremely valuable. We are trained in debate to look at multiple sources in order to learn all the biases out there, but how can we do **so** if all of our news comes from a single source?

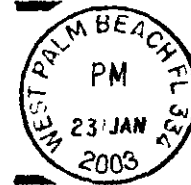
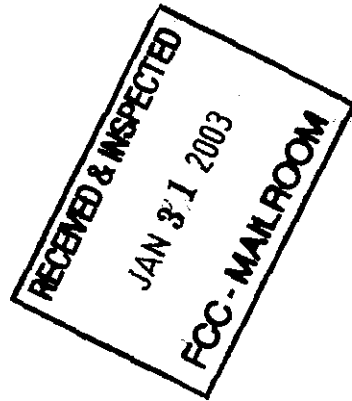
People are brainwashed enough by the news. I can't imagine what it would be like if all of **this** brainwashing came from one biased source. **What** do you want to do - turn Americans into zombies who merely do what they're told? **You** would be severely decreasing the quality of education. If you want Americans in the future to be able to make reasonable decisions, to grow up leaders, I strongly urge that you preserve the regulations that **allow** for **a** variety of **sources** in **the media**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Furman".

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